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BECHTEL'S

Double Flowering American Crab.

(*Pyrus Angustifolia.*)

FOR SPRING OF 1892.

INTRODUCED AND FOR SALE BY

The Staunton Nursery,

E. A. BECHTEL'S SONS, PROPRIETORS.

STAUNTON, - - - - ILLINOIS.

TIMES STEAM PRINTING HOUSE, STAUNTON, ILL.

Bechtel's Double Flowering American Crab.

(*Pyrus Angustifolia.*)

This most remarkable and beautiful of all ornamental trees (of which the enclosed lithograph is but a poor representation, the limited time consumed in its production having been inadequate to insure an exact *fac simili;* a second edition being now in preparation, which we hope will do the subject justice), originated near Staunton, Ill., and was first introduced and offered for sale in the fall of 1891 by us. It is destined to take its place at the head of the list of ornamental flowering trees as soon as it becomes known. The tree is a sturdy, though not a very rapid grower, hardy and entirely free from disease. It grows to be a medium-sized tree, and when in bloom presents the appearance of being covered with delicate pink roses, scenting the atmosphere for a long distance with a perfume equal to that of any rose. Unlike many other flowering trees, it does not bloom until the foliage is fully developed, which adds greatly to its beauty. It begins to bloom while very young—often when only two years old from root grafts. A small tree when in bloom might be compared with a tree rose better than anything else, the blossoms having often been mistaken for roses when in a boquet.

A lady having given her order for a collection of choice rose bushes, was afterward shown a boquet of the Double Flowering Crab, whereupon she exclaimed: "Oh, aren't those beautiful roses! Do I get some plants of those in my collection?"

Much more might be said of this beautiful flowering tree, but we deem it unnecessary, and will point out only the special merits claimed for it, namely: First, **perfect hardiness**; second, **great beauty of blossom and leaf**; third, **delicious fragrance**—being the only sweet scented Double Flowering Crab in existence; fourth, **great adaptability to various soils.**

As stock is yet very limited, scions have been cut more or less from all grades offered in this circular. Our first class trees are 4 to 5 feet, and will caliper 7-8 to 1 inch. Nearly all will bloom this spring.

PRICES.

First Class, each	$3 00	Small size, cut back (by mail) each	$2 00
" per 12	25 00	Scions, 4 to 5 inches, per 12	1 00
Second Class, each	2 50	" 100	5 00
" per 12	20 00		

No Charges Made for Packing.

Terms cash. Remit by bank draft, postoffice or express order. Our references: The Staunton Bank or any business house in Staunton. Address

E. A. BECHTEL'S SONS, Staunton, Ills.

EXTRACTS FROM TESTIMONIALS.

GERMANTOWN, PHILA., May 15, 1891.

Gentlemen: Your flowers of the Double Flowering Crab came safely to hand, and we must say that it is a very valuable addition to our list of ornamented shrubs. The American crab is the only species of apple that has a delicious fragrance. There are already several double flowered apples in existence, but none of them sweet. We think this double flowered variety, with its special fragrance, will be very desirable. We shall make a note of your interesting discovery in one of the earlier numbers of our new monthly magazine. Very truly yours,

THOMAS MEEHAN & SON.

DAYTON, O., May 11th, 1891.

Gentlemen: We were much interested in the twig of Double Flowering Crab which you sent us. It was beautiful and gave us a longing desire to gaze upon the tree in full bloom. The bloom is perfectly double, and of a rich but beautiful delicate tint, and so profuse as to excite our highest admiration. This variety should be rapidly disseminated, as it is certainly one of the most beautiful flowering trees that can be grown. Very truly yours,

HOVER & GAINES CO.

WEST CHESTER, PA., May 13, 1891.

Gentlemen: Your favor of May 9th is received, also a sample of the Double Flowering Crab. Judging by the same I think it must be one of the finest ornamental trees when out in bloom, and will certainly be a desirable addition to our list of ornamentals. Hoping you will have no trouble in introducing it, I am Yours truly,

GEORGE ACHELIS.

TADMOR, O., May 12th, 1891.

Dear Sirs: Your package of Double Flowering American Crab at hand. It is certainly the very finest thing of the kind I ever saw, and very ornamental. If you have trees for sale I would like to buy one or two for my lawn next fall. You surely have a very valuable thing.

Yours truly, N. H. ALBAUGH,
Pres't Albaugh Nursery and Orchard Co.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 13th, 1891.

Gentlemen: Yours of the 9th inst. is received, also samples of the new Double Flowering American Crab; the flowers were received in very fair condition, and from all that we can see this appears to be a desirable variety. Have you any of the trees for sale? Yours truly,

ELLWANGER & BARRY.

PARRY P. O., NEW JERSEY, May 15, 1891.

Gentlemen: We are in receipt of your favor of May 9th. The sample blossoms of the Double Flowering Crab are also received, in fair condition. They are large, full and very handsome, of beautiful pink rose tint, and fill the room with a fragrance that is very delightful. We wish you success with it, and shall want some as soon as they are offered for sale. Respectfully,

WM. PARRY.

BRIDGEPORT, IND., May 12th, 1891.

Gentlemen: The flowers of Double Flowering Crab received in good condition. It is certainly a very pretty thing, and should be generally grown; and if all show up as well as flowers sent us, think with proper introduction would be very much in demand. * * Yours truly,

ALBERTSON & HOBBS.

LITTLE SILVER, N. J., May 18th, 1891.

Gentlemen: Yours of the 9th instant received and noted; also the sample of blossoms. We have in our nurseries a number of flowering crabs, but none so fine as the one you send. We think it worthy of introduction. When you have any trees for sale, please let us know—we would like to get some. Yours very truly,

J. T. LOVETT & CO.